



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL THOMAS D. KLINCAR

Colonel Klincar is the Commandant of the Community College of the Air Force (AETC) at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is responsible for the operational management of a regionally accredited college. CCAF is federally chartered to provide career-related Associate in Applied Science degree programs to enlisted personnel. The college's educational programs are designed to enhance the technical and leadership skills of Air Force noncommissioned officers, allowing them to make greater contributions to readiness and the overall Air Force mission.



#### EDUCATION:

1999 National Defense Fellow (Resident SSS)  
1998 Air War College (Correspondence)  
1994 Armed Forces Staff College (Resident JPME II)  
1994 Air Command & Staff College (Distinguished Graduate)  
1990 Operations Staff Officer Course (Distinguished Graduate)  
1988 Doctorate Degree in Literature and Language Arts, La Salle University  
1986 Squadron Officer School (Distinguished Graduate)  
1985 Master of Science Degree in Systems Management, University of Southern California  
1980 Air Weapons Controller Technical Training (Distinguished Graduate)  
1980 Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism, Southern Illinois University

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

2005 - Present Commandant, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB AL  
2003 - 2005 Dean of Academics, NATO School, Oberammergau GE  
2000 - 2003 Chief, Doctrine & Policy Division, HQ AMC/XPD, Scott AFB IL  
1999 - 2000 Special Assistant to Supreme Allied Commander Europe, SHAPE BE  
1998 - 1999 National Defense Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Columbus OH  
1994 - 1998 NATO AWACS Sq 3 Senior USAF Rep & NE-3A Tactical Director, Geilenkirchen GE  
1993 - 1994 Student, Air Command & Staff College, Maxwell AFB AL  
1991 - 1993 Command Section Speechwriter, HQ AMC, Scott AFB IL  
1990 - 1991 Emergency Actions Officer, HQ MAC, Scott AFB IL  
1988 - 1990 Instructor of English, US Air Force Academy CO  
1986 - 1988 Air Defense Liaison to Philippine Air Force, OL-AA 13th AF, Manila RP  
1986 Operations Officer, Air Defense Control Center, Det 1 13th AF, Manila RP  
1984 - 1986 Chief, Range Management Division, 13th Air Force, Clark AB RP  
1982 - 1984 Air Weapons Control Instructor, 3625th Technical Training Squadron, Tyndall AFB FL  
1980 - 1981 Air Weapons Controller, OIC Stan/Eval, 719 ACWS, Sparrevohn AFS AK

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Air Battle Manager  
1500+ hours  
Aircraft: E-3

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal, one Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC)  
Meritorious Service Medal, four OLCs  
Aerial Achievement Medal, three OLCs  
AF Commendation Medal, one OLC  
Expeditionary Service Medal  
NATO Medal

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:**

Air Force Association (AFA)  
Military Officers Association (MOA)

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Honor Graduate, Operations Management Officer Course, 1990  
Honor Graduate, Air Weapons Controller Course, 1980  
13th Air Force Company Grade Officer of the Year, 1987  
AETC Master Training Certification, 1984  
3625 TTS Instructor of the Year, 1982

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

2nd Lt	May 1980
1st Lt	June 1982
Capt	June 1984
Maj	August 1992
Lt Col	September 1997
Col	December 2002